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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action dated 04/05/02, for which a response is now due, the period of time having been extended under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 having been submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3 are in the case. Claims 1-3 stand finally rejected under 35 USC §103. Applicants acknowledge that an objection to the specification made in paragraph 7(b) of the Office action mailed 09/04/01 and the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting remain.

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